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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated March 28, 2011, in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Group I, including claims 1-29, covering a conveyor oven heater configuration; Group II, including claims 30-50, covering rollers for a conveyor oven; Group III, including claims 51-63, covering a printing plate cooling means; Group IV, including claims 64-80, covering a heater zone control for a conveyor oven; and Group V, including claims 81-88, covering an ambient atmosphere temperature control in a conveyor oven